



**Health & Safety Plan
August/September 2023 Review**

Each LEA must create a Health and Safety Plan that addresses how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, and which will serve as local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant, which ends on June 30, 2024. The Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of each LEA and its schools and must consider public comment related to the development of, and subsequent revisions to, the Health and Safety Plan.

The ARP Act and U.S. Department of Education rules require Health and Safety plans to include the following components:

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Twin Valley School District

Initial Effective Date: July 20, 2021

Date of Last Review: June 21, 2022

Date of Last Revision: September 13, 2023

- 1. How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the**

CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

The health and safety of the students, staff, and families of the Twin Valley School District (TVSD) remains, as always, a priority for the District.

The TVSD has identified District standards and expectations, which outline the protocols expected of all staff members as the District transitions forward. Protocols include the following:

- Self-screening for symptoms
- Following communicable disease reporting procedures
- Practicing hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Use of face coverings is optional
- Maintain a clean school environment
- Staying informed and maintaining best practices

2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students’ academic needs, and students’ and staff members’ social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

TVSD returned to full in-person instruction in the Fall of 2020. Along with in-person instruction, the TVSD continued to offer their own Twin Valley Virtual Academy (TVVA) for families wishing to opt for this type of instructional model.

Use the table below to explain how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks optional
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no current protocols for social distancing.
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate handwashing and respiratory etiquette is expected from all individuals on

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	<p>District property and/or events associated with the District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocols for students and staff include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Washing one's hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. ○ Additionally, hand sanitizer will be provided in common areas. ○ Avoid touching one's eyes, nose, and mouth. ○ Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough or sneeze into one's elbow. • Reminders to staff and students will be provided with respect to encouraging those who are sick or have illness to stay home and where appropriate, always follow primary care physician recommendations.
<p>d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District started and is in the process of completing a comprehensive HVAC Project, which upgrades all ventilation in buildings to a four-pipe, dedicated outside air system (DOAS) for improved comfort, air flow, and efficiency.
<p>e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH's listing of reportable diseases will be followed per TVSD Policy #203.
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are required to follow the recommendation of their attending physician as it relates to diagnostic and screening testing.

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<p>g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff, students, and community members are encouraged to discuss the vaccination options with their attending physician.
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special accommodations or health care needs of students with disabilities will be addressed through the IEP and 504 processes. • Accommodations may include, but are not limited to, adapted service delivery models when appropriate and/or other health and safety precautions as outlined in an individualized health plan.
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As with any communicable disease, TVSD will contact the appropriate governing body if required.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Twin Valley School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **Monday, September 18, 2023**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

6 Yes

2 No

Affirmed on: **Monday, September 18, 2023**

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

GARY MCEWEN

(Print Name of Board President)

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